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Mr. Robert L. Schleuger
Regional Coordinator
Field Operations Section
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
2009 Mall Street
Collinsville, IL 62234

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Dear Mr. Schleuger:

This letter is in response to your letter of April 1, 1987 concerning allegations of non-compliance on the part of Granite City Steel and Salem Furnace Company in relation to a project involving removal of asbestos containing material at our Hot Strip Mill No. 2 Slab Furnace facility.

This response is directed to the allegations dealing with the development and operation of a refuse disposal site without "Agency required permits". We have conferred with representatives of Salem Furnace Company and are of the understanding that they will respond to the allegation regarding the "Notice of Asbestos Removal" submitted by Salem to your Agency on February 18, 1987.

With regard to the land pollution control items, it is Granite City Steel's belief that the Company is not in violation of the cited sections of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act (the "Act") or the Illinois Administrative Code.

The basic issue presented in your letter is whether the Company's on-site disposal facility is exempted under Section 21(d) of Act from the State's permitting requirements. The applicability of this Section of the Act has been the subject of on-going discussions with the Permit Section of the IEPA's Division of Land Pollution Control. It is the hope of the Company that the issue will be resolved in the near future and, thus, we would request that the Field Operation Section await the outcome of these discussions before pursuing the "Land Pollution Control" allegations set forth in your letter.

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If the Field Operations Section does not agree that this issue would be most efficiently handled between the Permit Section and the Company, please let me know at your earliest convenience so that we can also provide your section with the details of our legal position.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Fred Steinkuehler".

Fred Steinkuehler

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